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PRESENT: Messrs. [REDACTED]
25X1A9a TRD. [REDACTED] was present for discussion of the first item.

1. 25X1A9a [REDACTED] reported that they are presently working on a format for the Assessment reports. This should be ready for presentation to the Joint Training Committee shortly.

At present two rooms in Building 14 have been sound-proofed and two more are in the process of being completed.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] stated that he has been very pleased with the reception of the Assessment Staff work. Further, they are constantly introducing new situation tests and techniques into the Assessment program.

25X1A9a 2. The question of briefing of wives of overseas personnel was considered. Mr. [REDACTED] has worked out a schedule involving about ten hours' time for such briefing. The problem which arises is: will all wives be included in such briefing or only those in the Washington area; if it includes wives outside of Washington, who will be responsible for getting them to Washington. 25X1A9a [REDACTED] suggested that OSO and OPC appoint members to a committee to work out the details of this proposed program. 25X1A9a Mr. [REDACTED] wondered if the matter could not be handled by a booklet-- perhaps a revision of some of the old OSS pamphlets such as "This is not a Picnic", etc. Messrs. [REDACTED] felt that it is the responsibility of the case officer to see that wives of overseas personnel are briefed but requested that TRD prepare a booklet similar to the old OSS ones for use of case officers in this connection.

3. A chart showing the volume of training given by the Staff Training Branch from January 1947 to the present was distributed to members of the Joint Training Committee.

25X1A9a 4. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that several persons in OPC had been concerned that the OC to be run 26 June 1950 might have certain portions deleted because of the participation of a [REDACTED] student in the course. It was explained that the only lectures to be omitted from this course are four specialized ones and that OPC and OSO students will receive these on the Tuesday following the official completion of the course. In addition, NIS and OSO reports which are highly classified will be stored in safes in the Library and not left out on tables during this period. 25X1A9a Mr. [REDACTED] was assured that there will be no indication to the [REDACTED] student that he is not receiving the same course of instruction as are our students.

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5. Mr. [REDACTED] reported on the progress of the Training Review Committee. It had its first meeting Monday morning 19 June and has met mornings and afternoons since. The procedure that has been followed is to bring in each chief instructor and have him present to the committee the material that is contained in his particular course and request suggestions and recommendations. To date the SOC, OC, AOC, ASTS and Administrative courses have been covered. The ITS will be covered tomorrow morning and CTB next week. Following these meetings, Mr. [REDACTED] of OPC and Mr. [REDACTED] of OSO will contact the various staff and division chiefs of their respective offices to get their suggestions and then the committee will prepare a preliminary report. Where indicated staff and division chiefs of OSO and OPC will meet with the committee and then the final report will be prepared.

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6. [REDACTED] alerted the committee to the possibility of requests from OO and OSI for assistance in training matters. When a concrete request is received from these offices, the matter will be presented to the Joint Training Committee.

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7. COMMO is initiating a program, approved by [REDACTED] in which covert operators would be sent into the field to operate under actual field conditions for testing purposes. This program would follow covert training by CTB and TRD would have charge of the overall training, although the actual technical training would be handled by COMMO.

25X1A9a In addition COMMO is working closely with TRD in area training. [REDACTED] felt that students should have training to familiarize them with COMMO equipment and operating procedures as well as some code instruction on a very limited basis. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he was not very enthusiastic about code training since he felt that one would lose speed almost as fast as he had acquired it; most of the students would probably be beyond the age where they will learn it easily; and finally they might not have to use it anyway. He thought that a lecture on cope operation covering the difficulties, techniques, limitations and scope of communications might be of more value.

COMMO has also requested TRD to make available to them an expert to review their training. They were interested in an education specialist who would advise them on their training procedures, etc. Mr. [REDACTED] has been selected and for two or three weeks he will work with COMMO on a part-time basis.

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